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March 5, 2021

The Honorable Gary A. Winfield
The Honorable Steven J. Stafstrom
Joint Committee on Judiciary
Connecticut General Assembly
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom, Vice Chairs Kasser and Blumenthal, Ranking Members Kissel and Fishbein, and Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the New England Fertility Society (NEFS), I am writing to express our support for **Proposed Bill No. 6321, An Act Concerning the Adoption and Implementation of the Connecticut Parentage Act (CPA)**.

Connecticut is in urgent need of comprehensive statutory reform to protect all children. A child's legal relationship to their parent(s) – parentage - is critical to their well-being and healthy development. Numerous rights and responsibilities flow from this core legal relationship.

NEFS is an inclusive, voluntary, non-profit organization providing continuing education for fertility professionals throughout New England. The society is dedicated to promoting awareness, standards of information, and assistance to providers and ultimately patients in our region.

Our members are dedicated to providing fertility care. We know firsthand about the physical and emotional impacts on those struggling to become parents. NEFS is particularly pleased that the CPA ensures that children born through assisted reproduction have a clear route to establish their parentage and provides clear standards for establishing parentage through surrogacy.

Thank you for your consideration of our written testimony regarding Proposed Bill 6321.

Sincerely,

Shruthi Mahalingaiah, MD
President, New England Fertility Society